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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

REFS: A) SOFIA 1446 B) STATE 181370

1. ON MFN - WE SUGGEST THAT YOU SEND BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SUBJECTS COVERED IN REFTEL B VIA OPEN-CHANNEL MESSAGES. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU SHORTLY, IN APPROXIMATELY A WEEK OR TEN DAYS, THE DRAFT PAPER ON KEY QUESTIONS.

2. TOM SONANDRES' TITLE - WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH DIFFERENT OFFICES HERE ABOUT THIS MATTER AND HAVE LEARNED THAT IT REALLY IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE TOM THE TITLE OF FIRST SECRETARY. ACCORDING TO THE STATE-AFSA TITLES AND RANK AGREEMENT, A COPY OF WHICH SHOULD BE AT POST, ONLY FSO 4'S AND ABOVE MAY USE THIS TITLE. TOM'S ONLY HOPE IS A PROMOTION THIS FALL. WE AGREE THE TITLE OF FIRST SECRETARY WOULD
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MAKE HIS JOB A BIT EASIER BUT ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL DO WELL WITHOUT IT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS YEAR'S JULY 4 RECEPTION. VANCE

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